(b) Government has directed the Food Corporation of India to set up cleaning facilities at Kandla Port or any other port from which export takes place. The Food Corporation of India has not directly undertaken the export of wheat. The exporters have been given the freedom to identify wheat for export.

Foodgrains stocks for employment generation

2610. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any specific plan to use the existing food stocks for employment generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding the existing stocks and duration thereof; and

(d) whether Government would reduce the issue price for BPL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Foodgrains (rice and wheat) have been allotted for organizing various employment generation programmes under the Food for Work Programme in the drought affected areas of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan. Since January 2001, a quantity of about 22.19 lakh tonnes of foodgrains has been allocated to these States, free of cost, as per details given below:—

(in tonnes)

State	Rice	Wheat	Total
Andhra Pradesh	300000	0	300000
Chhatisgarh	507000	0	507000
Gujarat	31590	116515	148105
Himachal Pradesh	11549	0	11549
Karnataka	57460	42540	100000
Maharashtra	10000	40000	50000
Madhya Pradesh	54424	158655	213079
Orissa	150000	0	150000
Rajasthan	0	739505	739505
Total	1122023	1097215	2219238

(c) As on 30.6.2001, 61.7 million tonnes of foodgrains comprising 22.8 million tonnes of rice and 38.9 million tonnes of wheat were available in the Central Pool. Age-wise break-up of stocks of foodgrains (wheat, rice and paddy) with FCI as on 30.06.2001 is as under:—

	(in tonnes)
Upto 1 year	2,11,18,111
1-2 years	76,09,286
2-3 years	23,51,752
3-4 years	9,37,090
4-5 years	2,04,363
More than 5 years	2,24,470
TOTAL	3,24,45,072*

*The age-wise break-up of the stocks of foodgrains held by State Government procuring agencies for Central Pool is not available.

(d) Presently there is no proposal to reduce the Central Issue Prices for below poverty line (BPL) families.

Construction of godowns for FCI

†2611. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position with regard to construction of godowns for which contract was awarded to the Central Public Works Department by the Food Corporation of India, State-wise;

(b) the number of godowns constructed so far as per the schedule and the details of the godowns which were not completed within the stipulated time period;

(c) the reasons for not completing the construction work within the stipulated time and whether any inquiry has been conducted into the negligence and indifference of C.P.W.D.; and

(d) whether any decision has been taken keeping in view the seriousness of the situation and to prevent its recurrence in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) The State-wise status of the 4 projects relating to construction of godowns, for which contract was awarded to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) by the Food Corporation of India (FCI), is as under:—

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.